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Energetic New Dean to Arrive this May at Valley College

by John Tarr
Valley Star Staff Writer

Teetering atop a high-back chair, Yasmin Delahoussaye balances with a bullhorn in one hand and a list of winners in the other as she announces prizes to be awarded to a sea of 2,000 transfer students. Delahoussaye said she helped organize the most successful University of California College Faire of any LACCD campuses that year. She fondly remembers it as one of her greatest successes at Pierce College. "The new students need to be convinced that they need to get involved in their campus because then they won't see it as an extension of high school."

Delahoussaye said she is deeply involved in student affairs and helping as many young scholars attain their educational goals as she possibly can. She hopes to bring those qualities with her to Valley College as she takes her new position as dean of student services May 6.

The selection process started in early April when interviews were conducted. About eight qualified applicants made it through the first elimination round. From the pool, the selection committee recommended Delahoussaye. On April 8, the decision was finalized and made official as President Tyree Wieder officially announced the appointment of Delahoussaye as the new dean.

When asked about Delahoussaye, Dr. Kathleen Sullivan, associate dean said, "She's full of energy and she's going to do a great job. She's very student oriented and she has a great reputation within the district."

Delahoussaye is loved very much at Pierce and will be missed greatly, said Daphne Thabet, Delahoussaye's assistant at Pierce College. Delahoussaye did not tell people she was applying for the position at Valley, so it came as a surprise to her students and counselees. The cards and notes expressing Delahoussaye's thanks, congratulations and good-byes started arriving soon after the official announcement was made.

But Pierce's loss is Valley's gain. Thabet said, "She's a wonderful person to work with, you know the job's going to get done just right."

Delahoussaye already has an agenda for her first days at Valley. She wants to meet students, student leaders and faculty to gain a fresh perspective on what campus issues are vital to each of these groups. Delahoussaye is already hard at work figuring out new ways to involve students with college life.

"I want to convince students to become involved on campus. I think that's crucial, it helps them become a part of student life. It doesn't take a

lot to get involved, and just think if we all get involved, wouldn't this be a better world and a better place."

Delahoussaye appears to be a very warm and open individual who wants to help students. Just this weekend, she said, "A young lady called me over the weekend and she was excited, she'd been accepted to UCLA. In the conversation, she mentioned that she had dropped English 103, the critical thinking composition course."

"I told her that if she intended to go to UCLA it was crucial. Then we realized that not only did she need the English 103 course but she didn't have a foreign language. We needed to scramble around and find out whether or not she could get into those courses. I was able to go to Academic Affairs and make sure that those courses would be offered this summer so she could take them."

Members of the selection committee cited on Delahoussaye's energy and creativity. Counselor Fay Dea is looking forward to Delahoussaye taking over the position and providing new coordination so the student's needs can be met. "There is room for improvement." Dea thinks a new dean has the opportunity to take a look at what is going on and be able to offer new insight.

Delahoussaye said she is adamant in her desire to maintain an open forum where communication between faculty and students can take place in a mutually beneficial environment. She wants an open two-way exchange of information between students and faculty. Because she worked on the academic side of the house, she said, she saw many times when there was information that needed to be communicated on a regular basis.

"Your dean has to be accessible to students and so I'm looking at that accessibility, I think it is very important and the key. Students shouldn't feel that they can't talk to the dean."

At Taft High School, Delahoussaye started an after-school tutoring program with about 1,000 participants (the student body then was 3,000). It became so successful, a tutoring session at lunch time was organized as well.

She said, "I have these students who believe in me." And Delahoussaye believes in her students. Freshman 25- and 30-years-old told her she was right to push them to go to college and do well.

Delahoussaye said she is a problem solver who enjoys a challenge. She is looking forward to becoming the new dean of student services at Valley College May 6. Delahoussaye said, if any students at Valley have a problem to be solved, Yasmin Delahoussaye will be there for you.



Photo by Maria Ivey

Yasmin Delahoussaye is expected to start her new position as Valley College dean of student services May 6.

She plans to leave open time in her schedule so students can drop by.

"They can't bum-rush me at once, but by the same token one of my goals is to be accessible. I see student services as being a lot of fun because you get to use your creativity and you get to build a better mouse trap."

You may find that the mouse trap

analogy is one of Delahoussaye's favorites; she is constantly trying to find a way to do things better and more efficiently.

"She cares about her new position and will take the time to listen to the students concerns and won't simply brush them off," said Maria Ivey, a photography student at both Valley and Pierce Colleges.

However, with 3,300 parking spaces, 21 entrances, distant

parking lots, and no fencing, surveillance means diligence.

Permits Too Costly

by Carmen Pinto
Valley Star Staff Writer

When you see an empty parking space a few steps from the store, restaurant or doctor's office, you'll most likely park your vehicle there. But when the same happens at Los Angeles Valley College, would you park there?

According to two 20-something students at LAVC, family and consumer studies major Vanessa Lopez and history major Toni Kirkbride, the answer is unanimously "no." Neither woman purchased a parking ticket permit this semester and of course neither one wants a parking ticket.

These part-time students are not alone. Although reasons may vary, Kirkbride says the permit is too expensive and parking is not guaranteed. Lopez, has a different view. She's on campus only one day per week and doesn't mind the

walk. And like me, both women park along the sidewalk on busy Burbank Boulevard.

Kirkbride says, "At UCLA, they guarantee a parking space. If they did that here, I'm sure more students would pay for the permits."

Lopez agreed but said, "It's not even worth it (the permit). I mean, the parking lots are so dimly lighted, I think I prefer parking where I do now."

So, it's no wonder that the parking lot on Oxnard Boulevard is never full. It seems that these are very important and relevant issues that like I mentioned already, perhaps are concerns other women and men feel.

And regarding parking permits, here you have two different perspectives from two similar viewpoints. Perhaps the admissions office may care to give this issue more thought.

Sports Schedule

BASEBALL:

Thurs. Apr. 18 @	Bakersfield	2:30
Sat. Apr. 20 @	College of the Canyons	1:00
Tues. Apr. 23 vs.	Glendale	2:30

SOFTBALL:

Fri. Apr. 19 @	Bakersfield	3:30
Mon. Apr. 22 vs.	Moorpark	3:30
Wed. Apr. 24 vs.	Pierce	3:30

SWIMMING:

Fri. Apr. 19 @	Pierce	2:30
Sat. Apr. 20 @	Citrus	All Day

TRACK AND FIELD:

Sat. Apr. 20 @	Bakersfield	9:00
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Campus Clips:

If you plan to graduate in the Spring '96 or graduated in the Fall '95, you should have received a letter and information packet regarding the Spring 1996 commencement ceremonies. If, for some reason you did not receive yours, come to the Office of the Dean of Student Services, CC-100-C, to obtain a duplicate copy.

The Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership is offering funding for community groups with ambitions to address local

environmental issues. The deadline for filing preliminary application is May 31, 1996. Please call (213) 580-1055 for applications and more information.

The Valley College Career Transfer Center will be holding a workshop titled "A Major Decision: How to Choose a Major." The workshop will take place on April 22, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Career Transfer Center, Administration building, room 126.

On Tuesday, April 23, a counseling workshop will be held concerning transferring to CSU. The workshop will be from 12:00 p.m. in FL 102.

The Valley College Planetarium will be having a planetarium show, "The Spring Sky", on Friday, April 26 at 8:00 p.m. The planetarium is located near the southwest corner of the campus. Tickets will be sold half an hour before show time at the door. Further information and directions may be obtained by phoning (818) 781-1200 ext. 335.

The Volunteer Center of Los Angeles will present the 9th annual Human Race, a 5K/10K run/walk/wheelchair competition on Saturday, May 11 at Griffith Park, Los Angeles. There are currently over 100 nonprofit agencies involved. For information on getting yourself or your nonprofit organization registered, call Hank Castillo at (213) 484-2849.

The LAVC Faculty Association presents "Broadway Magic" starring Mikael Healey and Anna Rose on Thursday, May 23, 1996. The production

will be located at the Sportsmen's Lodge and the production will begin at 8:15 p.m. Prior to the musical will be a no host bar at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Check with Pat Calder of the Speech/Broadcasting department for further information and reservations.

The Valley College music department presents L.A. Valley College Philharmonic Choir and L.A. Valley College Chamber Singers on Sunday, April 21, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. The conductors will be George Attarian and Mark Summer. The event will

be held at the Congregational Church of the Chimes, 14115 Magnolia (at Hazeltine) in Sherman Oaks. Admission is a \$5.00 donation.

A fund-raising concert featuring Fred Small will benefit C.H.O.I.C.E.S.S., a non-profit agency who helps individuals locate accessible and affordable housing and find employment. The concert will be held at the Burbank Airport Hilton, 2500 N. Hollywood Way, on Friday, April 26, at 8:30 p.m. For information and tickets, call (818) 447-5477.

Freedom of the Press: Important to everyone

Editorial

We, as citizens, obtain our information about what is going on around us through various forms of media, including newspapers. At some point, maybe even daily, men and women criticize the journalists who investigate and report the news for what they do.

While it is agreed that some journalists deserve criticism for handling situations unprofessionally or unethically, most of the country seems to have forgotten what journalism is really all about. It is about freedom of speech—not just for the journalist—for all citizens of the United States.

Last weekend, several staff members of the Valley Star had the opportunity to attend a press-conference with Terry Anderson in Fresno. For those of you who do not know Mr. Anderson, he has been a journalist for the past 25 years, during which he was held as a political prisoner in the Middle

East for 7 years during the Iran-Contra Affair.

A portion of his speech dealt with the fact that we, as Americans, take the press and freedom of speech for granted. We forget what it means to us, because through television, cable TV, radio and newspapers, it has become a basic part of our lives. He reminded us that to most of the world press-freedom is fairly new, "...an achievement of the late 20th century."

Mr. Anderson is currently the director of the Committee to Protect Journalists. They monitor attacks on journalists around the world and work on behalf of journalists who have been harassed, threatened or thrown in jail.

Americans still have to fight for their freedom of speech sometimes, and occasionally a journalist will be thrown in jail or harassed. When that does happen, the dispute is settled in a civilized manner, usually in court. This is not true of many places in the world. Too many people around the world are still fighting for their freedom of speech and they are literally fighting with their lives and

their freedom. People are thrown in jail, harassed, shot, tortured, captured and killed because of what they do as journalists; because of their jobs.

Some of you might be thinking, "Why?" Because freedom of speech and freedom of the press is important to all of us. In the U.S. we have a democracy which exists on a free flow of information—a free press. Our country would be a very different place without it, in fact, we would not have a free society anymore.

Just think of what it would be like if we were not allowed free press. We would not know anything about government spending, foreign affairs and policy, government scandals, military advancements, etc. Some of you might not want to know about these things but the majority does.

May 7 has been designated as National Press Freedom Day. Most Americans will not pay attention because freedom of press is already well established here. Americans tend to take many things for granted but freedom of speech might very well be the most important factor in our society. What do you think?

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Campus Forum

April 16, 1996

To: Valley College Students

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If someone would like to post flyers, all they need to do is go to the Student Affairs office, which is located in Campus Center, room 100A (next to the Fireside Room), show them your flyer for approval, and stamp every flyer you plan to post. Now your flyer is approved for posting.

You can post your flyer in the designated areas on campus (on the side of the newspaper stands, in the cafeteria, on bulletin boards that are not reserved for special posting). You can not post flyers on any painted surfaces, glass windows/doors, in the bathrooms, on trees or lamp posts. Also, you can not put flyers on any cars in the parking lots.

ASU wants to help you so please help ASU by posting your flyers legally.

Flyer Sheriff Robert Lanewill be making his rounds and together with your help and the ASU, we can keep our campus clean.

Robert Lane, ASU President

To: Valley College Students

Any thoughts or suggestions about improving campus life at Valley College? ASU wants to hear from you! Please stop by the ASU office

in Campus Center and fill out our suggestion box form. You can make a difference on this campus with your ideas and suggestions. ASU reviews all suggestions that are given and the officers and commissioners present these suggestions to the decision-makers in administration. Your voice will be heard!

ASU is working hard for you to make life at Los Angeles Valley College a great and memorable experience. We want to hear from the students because ASU is here for you.

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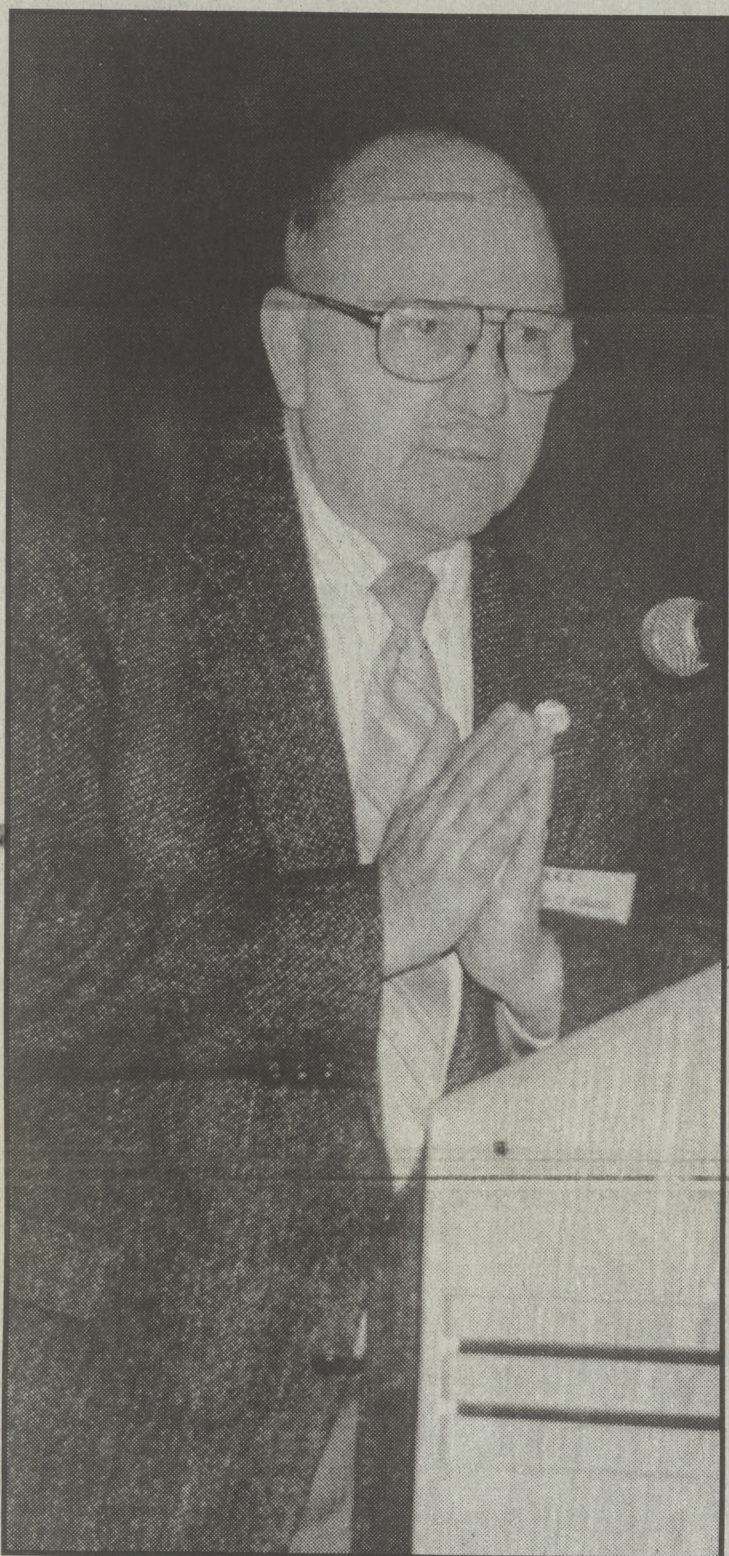
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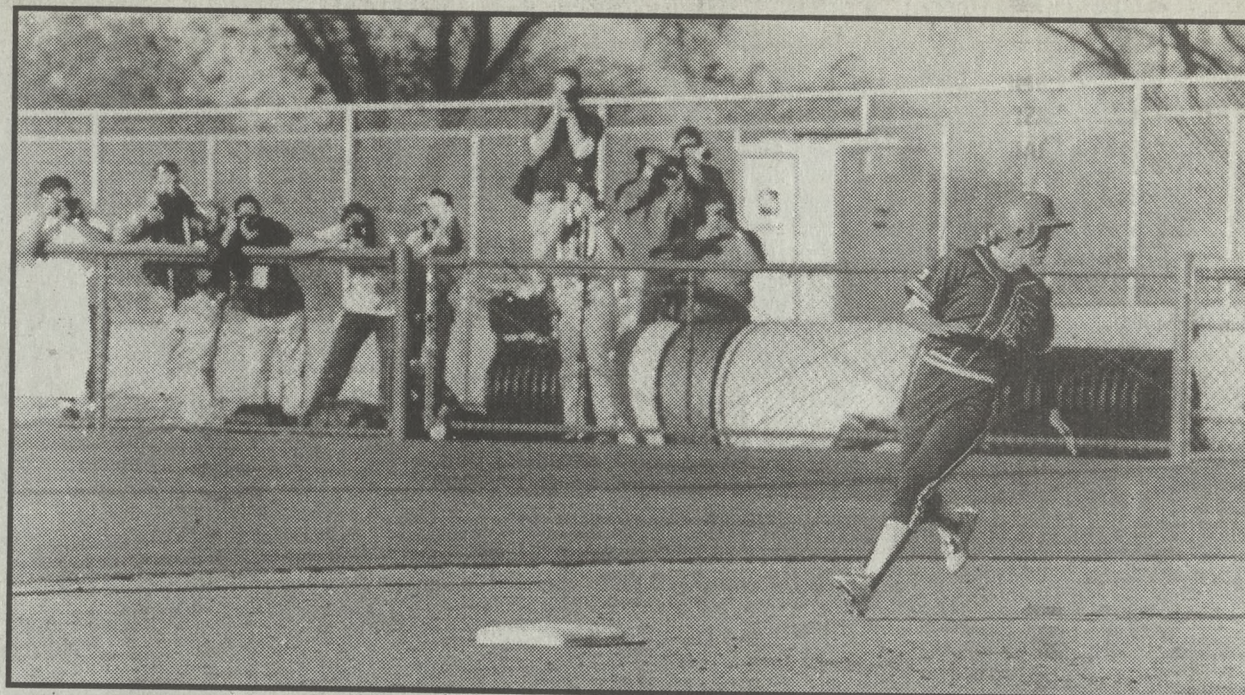
An ancient sign of respect is given to the competitors in the 1996 JACC Conference by guest speaker, R.C. Adams.



Monica Lid, Valley Star staff writer, accepted the first award presented to Valley College at the 40th Annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges Conference.

Writing, copy editing, page layout, editorial cartoon, and photojournalism were the competitions scheduled during the JACC 40TH Annual Conference at Fresno State University.

The conference also offered an opportunity to learn and improve in all aspects of journalism, since lectures and workshops were scheduled throughout the event.



Photographers compete to get an award winning image of the softball game.



Erica Barragan and Shashra Stewart, Valley Star staff photographers, enjoy the atmosphere of the awards banquet.



Monica Lid and Kelli Morgan, Valley Star staff writers, evaluate the negatives for the feature photo contest taken by Andrew Gaspar, Valley Star staff photographer.

Text and Photos by Maria Ivey



How to converse in cyberspace

by John Beck
Valley Star Staff Writer

Do you have an ISP? Is your friend getting ISDN? Which is better SLIP or PPP? Do you know? Do you care? *Should* you care?

Well, if you're planning to join the happy gang who frolic in cyberspace these days, you should. Even if you have no such plans, but would like to appear "network literate" at your next cocktail party, here are some words to bandy about:

ARPANET: A communication network developed in the early 1970s as an alternative to the telephone. The "grandfather" of today's Internet; decommissioned in June 1990.

backbone: The primary connectivity mechanism of a hierarchical distributed system. Example: All systems which have connectivity to the LAVC campus backbone have connectivity to each other.

BITNET: Because It's Time NETwork. An academic computer network based originally on IBM mainframe systems interconnected via leased telephone lines. BITNET has recently merged with CSNET, the Computer+Science Network (another academic computer network) to form CREN: The Corporation for Research and Educational Networking.

bridge: A device that connects two or more physical networks and forwards packets between them. Bridges can usually be made to filter packets, that is, to forward only certain traffic. Related devices are repeaters which simply forward electrical signals from one cable to another, and full-fledged routers which make routing decisions based on several criteria.

browser: A client program which runs on the World Wide Web, which allows you to browse through pages on the Internet, formatting the information on your screen as it appears.

client-server mode: A common way to describe network services and the user processes (programs) of those services.

Email: A system whereby a computer user can exchange messages with other computer users (or groups of users) via a communication network.

FAQ: Stands for Frequently Asked Questions. FAQ files are available on the Internet concerning a wide variety of issues and can help provide you with answers to basic questions.

ftp: File Transfer Protocol; a method of downloading or sending files from/to a remote server to/from your own computer.

gateway: The original Internet term for what is now called router or more precisely, IP router. In modern usage, the terms "gateway" and "application gateway" refer to systems which do translation from some native format to another.

Gopher: A text based system allowing you to look at and search through ftp sites.

Internet: (note the capital "I") The largest NETWORK in the world consisting of large national backbone nets (such as MILNET, NSFNET, and CREN) and a myriad of regional and local campus networks all over the world. The Internet uses the Internet protocol suite. To be on the Internet you must have IP connectivity, i.e., be able to Telnet to, or ping, other systems. Networks with only e-mail connectivity are not actually classified as being on the Internet.

ISDN: Integrated Services Digital Network. An emerging technology which is beginning to be offered by the telephone carriers of the world. ISDN combines voice and digital network services in a single medium making it possible to offer customers digital data services as well as voice connections through a single "wire."

Mosaic: the first graphical browser for the World Wide Web that supported sound and video.

Netscape: Hands down, the best browser currently available for the Web.

PPP: Point-to-Point Protocol. The successor to SLIP, PPP provides router-to-router and host-to-network connections over both synchronous and asynchronous circuits. See SLIP.

Protocol: a formal description of message formats and rules that two or more computers must follow in order to exchange those messages.

router: A system responsible for making decisions about which of several paths network (or Internet) traffic will follow. To do this it uses a routing protocol to gain information about the network, and algorithms to choose the best route based on several criteria known as "routing metrics." See gateway, bridge and repeater.

SLIP: Serial Line IP. An Internet protocol used to run IP over serial lines such as telephone circuits or RS-232 cables interconnecting two systems. SLIP is now being replaced by PPP. These are the protocols that allow home computers to connect to the Internet via a modem.

Telnet: The virtual terminal protocol in the Internet suite of protocols. Allows users of one host to log into a remote host and interact as normal terminal users of that host.

Usenet: A collection of thousands of topically named newsgroups, the computers which run the protocols, and the people who read and submit the Usenet news.

URL: stands for Uniform Resource Locator; the "address" of a host computer to which you can connect using the World Wide Web.

World Wide Web: an extremely user-friendly system for using the Internet that features graphics, video sound and just about anything else people can think of; the place to be on the Net.

Film Review

Mrs. Winterbourne--a Train Wreck, a Murder, a Farce

By Jacquelyn Temple
Valley Star Staff Writer

In the classic tradition of "The Prince and the Pauper" meets "Cinderella," comes Richard Benjamin's latest directorial offering, "Mrs. Winterbourne."

The beginning is a climactic scene where the matriarch of the Winterbourne clan, Grace Winterborne (Shirley MacLaine), is about to be arrested for murder outside a church.

Inside that house of worship, Grace's son Bill (Brendan Fraser) is going to be married to a woman presumed to be the widow of his twin brother, Hugh. Does it get more complicated than this? Of course, because it's a farce.

A farce is a comic device where the humor depends on the exploitation of a situation, rather than sight gags or the development of any one character. In "Mrs. Winterbourne," the plot is first developed through

It's Connie's lucky night as others die in tragedy.

flashbacks. Connie Doyle (Rikki Lake) is luckless, homeless and pregnant with no options left. As she plans to spend the night in a train station, she is herded onto an out-bound locomotive without a ticket.

But it is Connie's lucky night while others die in tragedy. Hugh Winterbourne, taking his own very pregnant wife Patricia home to meet the family, befriends Connie.

Through a series of disastrous events, fortuitous to Connie, she is mistaken for Patricia Winterbourne. Hugh and Connie die when that train crashes and Connie—wearing Patricia's gown and wedding ring—survives the wreck to wake up in a hospital. And Connie has just given birth to a son.

Most of the movie involves Connie's moral dilemma—how, when or even whether can she admit she's not who she is believed to be? Admitting the truth would end her good fortune along with the charade.

Farces are usually light and full of absurdity and exaggeration. Although this movie clearly has its dark moments, absurdities are plentiful. In addition to being welcomed by the family—Grace and her sons, both Hugh's twin brother Bill and their gay chauffeur—Connie/Patricia is threatened by the child's real father, who dumped her as the film began.

When she falls in love with Bill, Connie's ex threatens to expose the charade and ruin the marriage plans. Then comes the excitement—kidnap plots, extortion, weapons, murder and a wedding scene. But does the wedding end as scheduled?

And what about the chauffeur? Farces always conclude with loose ends being sewn together and the audience feeling good. Although one audience member dismissed the plot as "connect-the-dots smaltz," the majority of those watching greatly enjoyed the film, even though it required the viewer to heavily suspend belief in base reality.

For the theatergoer who is one of the few, the proud, the gullible (like me), this movie makes us feel better at the end than it did at the beginning.

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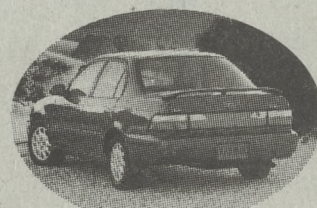
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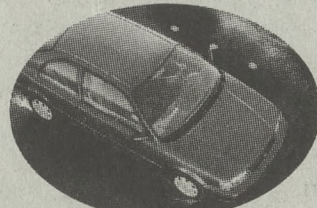
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